



HOME RULE REFERENDUM

EARLY VOTING STARTS SEPTEMBER 29.

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 8.

Over the past few years, through community surveys and listening sessions, we have listened to our residents tell us what is most important to them, beyond the “standard” services we provide.

In addition to giving a community a stronger local voice, Home Rule gives the opportunity for more diverse revenue streams — also supported by non-residents — that would allow us to invest more in our roads, sidewalks, bike paths, and beautification of our Village, among other important projects. **To learn more about Home Rule, go to barrington-il.gov/homerule for a Resource Guide.**

In addition, the Village Board has scheduled several Community Information Sessions in the next several weeks before the election. Below is the tentative schedule; go to barrington-il.gov/homerule for updates.

Thursday, September 15, 7:00 p.m., Village Hall
Wednesday, September 28, 7:00 p.m., Station Middle School
Tuesday, October 11, 7:00 p.m., Roslyn Road School
Monday, October 17, 7:00 p.m., Village Hall
Thursday, October 27, 7:00 p.m., Hough Street School

Population

Communities over 25,000 in population attain Home Rule automatically.

Referendum

Communities of less than 25,000 can only become Home Rule through referendum.

Barrington

Population: 10,722
Can only attain Home Rule by referendum.

WHAT Is Home Rule?

Home Rule is a type of governance that gives municipalities greater authority to shape local solutions for local issues.

Decisions are made by your local officials — your friends and neighbors you see at the grocery store — and not by the state.

By law, Illinois communities are classified as either Home Rule or Non-Home Rule. While Non-Home Rule communities are subject to all state legislation and mandates (unfunded ones included), Home Rule communities may be more flexible in finding local solutions to local issues and are not as burdened by state-imposed mandates and regulations.

WHO Is Home Rule?

Most communities in Northeastern Illinois that provide public safety, public works, and water utility services (as Barrington does) are typically Home Rule.

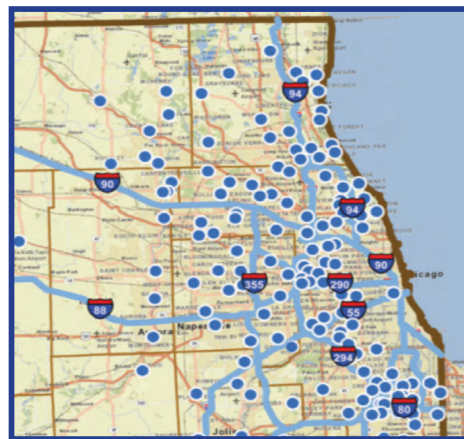
There are two ways a community can become Home Rule — by population (over 25,000) or by referendum. Since Barrington’s population is 10,722, referendum is our path to Home Rule.

Communities in the region that have become Home Rule through referendum* include:

Bannockburn
Barrington Hills
Bloomington
Buffalo Grove
Carpentersville
Crystal Lake
Deerfield
Elgin
Glenview
Highland Park
Inverness
Lake Barrington
Lake Bluff
Lake Forest
Lincolnshire
Lincolnwood
Mettawa
Morton Grove

Norridge
Oakbrook Terrace
River Grove
Riverwoods
Rolling Meadows
Rosemont
Schiller Park
South Barrington
Volo
Warrenville
Wheeling
Willowbrook
Wilmette
Winnetka
Woodridge

*Some communities on this list became Home Rule through referendum before they were 25,000 in population.



WHY is Barrington Putting Home Rule on the Ballot?

1) Home Rule provides more local control for local officials to make decisions that directly affect Barrington, including the ability to:

- ◆ Implement laws different from the state (in the absence of preemption) to meet local needs
- ◆ Enter into multi-year contracts (cost savings)
- ◆ Create better rental housing and property maintenance rules
- ◆ Designate home rule revenues to Village enhancements and improvements
- ◆ Eliminate a mandatory retirement age for top-level public safety administration
- ◆ Attain the top credit rating (AAA), which is very difficult to achieve as a non-home rule community
- ◆ Create debt flexibility (lower interest costs)
- ◆ Create opportunities to collaborate with and assist local businesses

2) Home Rule can provide diverse revenue from regional users to help pay for infrastructure and beautification projects.

Non-residents who visit Barrington benefit from public services and road improvement that are funded through resident property taxes.



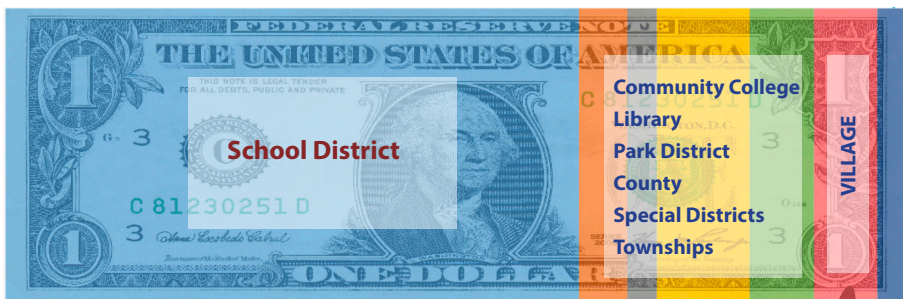
With Home Rule, non-residents share more of the burden of paying for infrastructure improvements.

New revenues

generated from non-residents, such as a

Home Rule sales tax* or amusement tax, could be dedicated to expanding the road maintenance program and other Village improvements and potentially reduce property taxes.

*Home Rule sales tax does not apply to groceries, medicine, or automobile sales.



Remember, the Village receives only a small portion of your property tax bill (just 7%)!

Having additional sources of revenue that include non-resident collections can provide a major source of funding for Village improvements that residents need and want. *If Barrington were to become a Home Rule community, the Village Board, by ordinance adopted on September 12, 2022, has declared that the Village will abide by the current non-home rule tax cap on property taxes.*

WHERE Does the Money Go?

95% of the Village General Fund is dedicated to providing basic public services such as:

- ◆ Police, Fire, Public Works and other Village services
- ◆ Commodities such as fuel, salt, energy, and other misc. items

That leaves just 5% of the General Fund budget for capital expenses and other unforeseen expenses.

Home Rule revenues could be designated for important Village improvements.

WHEN Is the Referendum?

Election Day Is November 8. Early Voting Begins September 29.
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